

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 LUANDA 00615 01 OF 02 210853Z

11

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02

INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-15 IO-10 SAM-01 SIL-01 LAB-04 EB-07 COME-00

TRSE-00 OMB-01 AID-05 /102 W
----- 120483

R 210630Z MAY 75

FM AMCONSUL LUANDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3577

INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 LUANDA 0615

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT AO

SUBJECT: LUANDA PRESS MAY 17 - 19

SATURDAY MAY 17

1. RETURNING FROM TWO DAYS IN ANGOLA, PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES TOLD METROPOLITAN JOURNALISTS THAT THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA IS "WORRISOME" AND "CAN BE STABILIZED AND PEACE AND TRANQUILITY GUARANTEED ONLY WITH THE DECISIVE INTERVENTION OF THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES."

2. FNLA'S POLITICAL BUREAU ISSUED A COMMUNIUE STATING THAT THE "VOICE OF FREE ANGOLA" WILL BEGIN TRANSMISSION AGAIN SATURDAY, 17, DEDICATING ITS PROGRAMS EXCLUSIVELY TO THE "MOBILIZATION, POLITICAL ORIENTATION AND IDEOLOGICAL FORMATION OF THE ANGOLAN MASSES."

3. UNITA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI LEFT LUANDA FOR NOVA LISBOA AND LUSO MAY 17. HE TOLD REPORTERS HE WOULD INVESTIGATE THE RECENT ARMED INCIDENTS IN THOSE CITIES.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 LUANDA 00615 01 OF 02 210853Z

4. JOSE EDUARDO, A MEMBER OF MPLA'S POLITICAL DUREAU, HAS ENDED A VISIT TO SENEGAL. HIS OBJECTIVE WAS TO EXPLAIN THE ANGOLAN SITUATION TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR. EDUARDO SAID MPLA IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO "SWEEP AWAY" THE PROSPECT OF CIVIL WAR, ADDING THAT HIS MOVEMENT IS COUNTING ON THE SUPPORT OF THE SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS PHASE OF TRANSITION AND NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION.

5. PORTUGUESE PORT WORKERS MET MAY 16 TO RECEIVE AN ANSWER TO THEIR APRIL 9 PETITION TO THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTS REQUESTING TRANSPORTATION OF THEIR FAMILIES TO PORTUGAL. THE ANSWER WAS NOT SATISFACTORY AND THE WORKERS RESOLVED TO STRIKE IF THE GOVERNMENT FAILS TO REVERSE ITSELF.

SUNDAY MAY 18

1. IN RESPONSE TO ANTUNES' MAY 16 STATEMENT, FNLA SAID THAT ANY PORTUGUESE INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA ON BEHALF OF MPLA WOULD PROVOKE A MASSIVE REBELLION.

2. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SILVA CARDOSO, ACCUSED MPLA OF HAVING DISTRIBUTED WEAPONS INDISCRIMINATELY TO CIVILIANS, INCLUDING CHILDREN. IN AN INTERVIEW IN "O EXPRESSO" (A PORTUGUESE WEEKLY) CARDOSO STATED THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA IS CAPABLE OF DEGENERATING INTO CHAOS. CARDOSO EMPHASIZED THE PROBLEM OF LACK OF LEADERSHIP IN ANGOLA. WHO WOULD IMPOSE LAW AND ORDER - THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES, OR THE LEADERS OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS? HE SUGGESTED THAT UN TROOPS MAY HAVE TO INTERVENE TO RESTORE PUBLIC ORDER. (THE PRESS NOTED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME A HIGH PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL HAD ADMITTED SUCH A POSSIBILITY.)

3. ALL FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSFERS WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM MAY 18TH TO JUNE 17. THIS INCLUDES TRANSFERS FOR PAYMENTS OF SALARIES, VACATIONS, EMERGENCIES AS WELL AS THE EXPORT OF PRIVATE CAPITAL BY INDIVIDUALS.

4. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MET THURSDAY, MAY 15 AND THE FOLLOWING MEASURES, AMONG OTHERS UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 LUANDA 00615 01 OF 02 210853Z

NOT DIVULGED, WERE AGREED UPON:

A. THE FINAL TEXT OF THE LADOR LAW WAS APPROVED AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

B. A SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION OF 114 MILLION ESCUDOS (US\$4.6 MILLION) WILL BE GIVEN THE POSTAL AND TELEPHONE

COMPANY.

C. THE PROBLEMS OF PUBLIC TRANSIT WERE STUDIED AND GUIDE-
LINES FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF TAXIS AND THE DISTRIBUTION
OF LICENSES FOR SUCH WERE DECIDED UPON.

D. THE HOUSING COUNCIL WAS AUTHORIZED A HALF MILLION
ESCUDOS (US\$20,000) TO RAPIDLY DEVELOP A CIVIL CONSTRUCTION
PLAN IN THE SPIRIT OF THE ECONOMIC PLAN.

E. CONTINUATION OF THE PROJECT TO HEIGHTEN THE DAM AT
CAMBAMBE WAS CONFIRMED AS WELL AS PLANS FOR A NEW CENTRAL
POWER SUBSTATION.

F. A PRELIMINARY STUDY OF THE FORTHCOMING LAND LAW WAS
BEGUN.

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 LUANDA 00615 02 OF 02 210856Z

11

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02

INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-15 IO-10 SAM-01 SIL-01 LAB-04 EB-07 COME-00

TRSE-00 OMB-01 AID-05 /102 W
----- 120519

R 210630Z MAY 75

FM AMCONSUL LUANDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3578

INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 LUANDA 0615

MONDAY MAY 19

1. IN A MAY 18 INTERVIEW MPLA PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO
EXPRESSED HIMSELF ON THE CAUSES OF VIOLENCE ("A RACE FOR
POWER"), EUROPEAN TECHNICIANS ("SHOULD STAY UNTIL REPLACED"),

MPLA ARMING OF CIVILIANS ("THEY ARMED THEMSELVES"), CABINDA
("ALL MOVEMENTS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO DEFEND IT"), A

NEA SUMMIT MEETING ("IT'S NECESSARY AND PORTUGUESE
PARTICIPATION IS A MUST"), AND ELECTIONS ("WE MUST TRY TO
HAVE THEM").

2. MPLA'S LOPO DE NASCIMENTO (PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL) AND
RUI MONTEIRO (MINISTER OF INFORMATION) ARE IN NOVA LISBOA

EXORTING THEIR NEW SOLDIERS TO DEFEND THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE'S
INTERESTS.

3. THE DEPARTURE OF MANY WHITE TECHNICIANS HAS
SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE FISHING INDUSTRY AND MANY
TRAWLERS HAVE ALREADY STOPPED FISHING. HOWEVER THE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 LUANDA 00615 02 OF 02 210856Z

MEMBERS OF THE FISHING INDUSTRY UNION SAY THEY ARE NOT
JUST "CROSSING THEIR ARMS," BUT ARE LOOKING FOR
SOLUTIONS WITH A VIEW TOWARDS RESOLVING THE CRISIS AND
SAFEGUARDING THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.
PORTER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL SITUATION, POLITICAL SUMMARIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975LUANDA00615
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750178-0126
From: LUANDA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750532/aaaabckl.tel
Line Count: 196
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: SmithRJ
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24 JUL 2003 by BalzMJ>; APPROVED <03 FEB 2004 by SmithRJ>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LUANDA PRESS MAY 17 - 19 SATURDAY MAY 17
TAGS: PINT, AO, PO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006